

## House Resolution No. 2330

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators who have developed and maintained impressive reputations due to the outstanding nature of their teaching endeavors; and

**Whereas**, Dava Knotts of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, has attained distinction as a cross-categorical teacher at Jefferson Elementary School in the Cape Girardeau School District; and

**Whereas**, Dava Knotts recently enhanced her wonderful record of achievement by receiving on April 11, 2003, a prestigious Edna C. Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award named in honor of a beloved special education teacher in Cape Girardeau; and

**Whereas**, established by Dr. Jerry Kinder of Cape Girardeau and Richard Kinder of Houston, Texas, the Edna C. Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award honors their late mother and her selfless, longstanding efforts at May Greene Elementary School; and

**Whereas**, in addition to her classroom activities devoted to productive, lifelong learning by Cape Girardeau students, Dava Knotts helps ensure the highest standards of professionalism and conduct in her chosen field through her participation in the Missouri State Teachers Association and Community Teachers Association; and

**Whereas**, Dava Knotts holds a Bachelor of Science in Education degree received with cum laude honors and a Master's degree in special education earned with Academic Distinction; and

**Whereas**, the beloved wife of Rick Knotts, pastor of The Cross Church-Leopold, Dava Knotts is justifiably proud of her personal accomplishments as the mother of three sons, Tom Moore, Jr., Nick Moore, and Dan Moore, and four stepdaughters, Billie Hamm, Bobbi Owens, Toni Wiseman, and Teri Triplett:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the significant contributions made by Dava Knotts on behalf of the students in Cape Girardeau and to extend to her this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations upon her receipt of a prestigious Edna C. Kinder Excellence in Teaching Award and our best wishes for continued success now and in the future; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Dava Knotts of Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
 Representative Jason G. Crowell  
 Majority Floor Leader  
 District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2330, adopted April 29, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker